

California Hydrogen Highway Blueprint **Implementation Topic Team**

Sub-team C/S.1 – Authorities Having Jurisdiction and Model Codes

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Model Building and Fire Code Adoption Process

- National Level models available to CA for adoption
 - Standards Development Organizations
 - Code Development Organizations
- State Level mandatory = force of law
 - Health and Safety Code
 - Building Standards Commission
 - Coordinating Council
 - State Fire Marshall
 - State Architect
 - Office of Statewide Health, Planning, and Development
 - Housing and Community Development







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Model Building and Fire Code Adoption Process (cont).

- Local Governmental Level mandatory = force of law
 - Building Department
 - Health Department
 - Planning Department
 - Fire Department
 - Local Legislative Authority (city council, county board of supervisors)





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Issue: lack of consistency in Codes used by AHJs with overlapping responsibilities

Example: Model Building Code and Fire Code

Current codes not designed for hydrogen highway applications:

Uniform Building Code
1997 Edition

Uniform Fire Code
2000 Edition

- Proposals to update California Codes are not consistent; both are being modified for hydrogen refueling applications
 - State Fire Marshall has recommended National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1 for adoption as California's model fire code.
 - State Architect has recommended the International Building Code (IBC) for adoption as California's model building code.





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Potential recommendations for closing, eliminating or otherwise addressing gaps in model codes and permitting processes.

- In lieu of waiting for adoption, utilize applicable ICC and NFPA codes by reference
- Apply resources to directly participate on appropriate code development committees
- Encourage the SDO and CDO communities to accelerate development of codes
- Directly participate in adoption cycle by state regulatory agencies
- Create mechanism by which Title 8 is inclusive in permitting process by AHJs

